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STATE JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO 10.3 PERCENT

The Michigan unemployment rate fell one full percentage point over the month as the jobless rate dropped from 11.3 percent in July to 10.3 percent in August. The rate decrease represents 50,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total state residents seeking employment slipped to 456,000. The decrease in joblessness was primarily seasonal in nature, due largely in part to summer jobseekers dropping out the state's civilian labor force. Total employment in August registered a small decline as the number of employed residents fell by 13,000 to reach 3,962,000. The August jobless rate was the lowest level recorded in over four and half years when the rate was 10.3 in January 1980. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 164,000, while the size of the labor force has expanded by 32,000. In August 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 588,000, representing an unemployment rate of 13.4 percent.

STATE JOBS DIP SLIGHTLY

Wage and salary employment in Michigan decreased as total industry jobs slipped to 3,273,900 in August. Employment opportunities edged downward by approximately 9,100 as job losses were evident in all three sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 930,900, fell by 6,500 primarily as a result of model changeover at automotive assembly plants. Private nonmanufacturing employment inched downward by 600 to 1,803,600 in August, as minor losses occurred in construction and retail trade. Public sector payrolls dropped by 2,000 as federal and state gains were easily offset by local level losses. Since August 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 111,500 positions or 3.5 percent. Approximately 67,300 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while manufacturing payrolls added 59,300 positions. Government jobs fell by 15,100 over the year.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES AUGUST 1984 (Prel.)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,418,000	3,962,000	456,000	10.3
Ann Arbor SMSA	149,000	139,000	10,000	6.7
Battle Creek SMSA	82,100	74,800	7,300	8.9
Bay City SMSA	55,500	47,900	7,600	13.7
Benton Harbor SMSA	72,700	65,900	6,800	9.4
Detroit SMSA	2,008,100	1,797,400	210,700	10.5
Flint SMSA	222,000	194,700	27,300	12.3
Grand Rapids SMSA	342,300	314,600	27,700	8.1
Jackson SMSA	65,500	58,100	7,400	11.3
Kalamazoo SMSA	143,600	133,000	10,600	[illegible]
Lansing SMSA	255,800	228,800	27,000	6
Muskegon SMSA	78,800	71,000	7,800	9.9
Saginaw SMSA	103,900	93,400	10,500	10.1
Upper Peninsula LMA	148,900	132,600	16,300	10.9

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JULY 1984	JUNE 1984	MAY 1984	JULY 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4481.0	4452.0	4396.0	4419.0
Employment	3975.0	3949.0	3899.0	3842.0
Unemployment	506.0	503.0	497.0	577.0
Rate	11.3	11.3	11.3	13.1
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3283.0	3298.0	3292.8	3181.9
Manufacturing	937.4	942.9	934.0	872.4
Durables	737.9	744.3	736.7	679.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	12.0	11.6	10.4
Furniture and Fixtures	23.9	24.1	23.5	21.2
Metals	164.7	168.2	168.1	149.8
Primary Metals	52.4	53.9	54.0	50.1
Fabricated Metals	112.3	114.3	114.1	99.7
Nonelectrical Machinery	126.5	127.2	124.5	115.0
Electrical Machinery	31.6	31.8	32.3	30.5
Transportation Equipment	342.7	343.3	339.5	317.0
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	323.3	323.9	320.2	298.9
Other Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.4	19.3	18.1
Other Durables	36.8	37.7	37.2	35.1
Nondurables	199.5	198.6	197.3	193.4
Food and Kindred	46.0	47.2	46.2	47.1
Textiles and Apparel	20.2	20.4	19.7	18.5
Paper Products	20.5	20.7	20.4	20.0
Printing and Publishing	33.9	33.9	34.2	32.9
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.8	41.5	41.1	43.1
Other Nondurables	34.5	34.9	35.7	31.8
Nonmanufacturing	1804.2	1802.5	1783.5	1750.0
Construction	107.9	104.9	99.1	94.3
Trans., Commun., Utilities	135.9	136.9	139.5	139.6
Wholesale Trade	161.5	160.6	157.2	147.6
Retail Trade	560.1	562.8	556.0	547.3
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	158.6	158.4	155.8	152.9
Services	670.9	669.4	666.6	659.4
Mining	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.9
Government	541.4	552.6	575.3	559.5
Federal	56.9	56.8	56.0	56.1
State	128.1	128.4	138.6	132.7
Local	356.4	367.4	380.7	370.7
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	4.2	3.8	0.4	1.1

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the first time in six months during the month of July. The regular benefits claims load averaged 104,925 per week in July, approximately 8,425 or 8.7 percent higher than the month ago total. In July 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 128,280.

Conversely, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program dipped by 1,475 or 6.6 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 20,825 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
July 07, 1984	98,100	18,300	79,800	20,800	2,400	18,400
July 14, 1984	103,800	16,700	87,100	21,700	2,500	19,200
July 21, 1984	106,500	18,100	88,400	20,600	2,100	18,500
July 28, 1984	111,300	21,900	89,400	20,200	2,000	18,200

SLIGHT RISE IN DETROIT AREA PRICES

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area increased by five tenths of a percent over the month to reach 307.7 in July. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily due to increased medical care, food and housing costs. Prices in the area rose by 3.1 percent since July 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 298.4.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by one full point to reach 311.7. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for medical care and housing. Between July 1983 and July 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.1 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 299.3.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries fell from 43.4 hours in June to 42.2 hours in July. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the automotive and related industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings inched upward by one cent to $12.25, while average weekly earnings dropped by $13.89 to total $517.35. In July 1983, earnings averaged $11.64 an hour or $489.86 per week for a 42.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.25	$12.24	$11.64	42.2	43.4	42.1	$517.35	$531.24	$489.86
DURABLE GOODS	12.70	12.69	12.14	42.6	43.8	42.4	541.32	555.78	515.11
Primary Metal Products	12.37	12.31	12.24	41.0	42.1	41.3	507.46	517.80	505.01
Fabricated Metal Products	11.89	11.91	11.34	41.2	43.0	41.5	490.53	512.75	470.58
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.24	12.17	11.71	43.1	43.5	40.7	527.89	529.30	475.93
Electrical Machinery	10.44	10.77	9.76	41.3	42.9	41.3	431.13	462.17	402.69
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.34	14.33	13.49	43.7	45.3	44.3	626.17	648.54	597.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.41	10.40	9.78	40.8	41.9	40.8	424.97	435.39	398.90
Contract Construction	14.31	14.54	14.34	38.5	39.8	37.5	550.72	579.31	537.72
Department Stores	6.21	6.23	6.13	29.8	30.0	30.0	185.06	186.57	183.90

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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